

SCHOOL MEETING.

Frederick Godfrey Re-elected Collector in Only Contest of the Meeting.

The annual meeting of the graded school district Tuesday afternoon brought out over 300 voters, considerable interest having been aroused in the election of a collector.

W. B. Sheldon, moderator, called the gathering to order and was immediately elected to serve another year. It was voted to dispense with the auditors report, and to have three auditors. A tax of 70 cents on the dollar of the grand list was voted and from the proceeds not less than \$3,000 is to be used toward reducing the debt of the district. Taxes are to be placed in the hands of the treasurer for collection July 1.

There was no contest for officers except that of collector for which Fred Godfrey and Fred E. Tift were nominated. The vote was by ballot, the result of which was as follows:—Godfrey 160; Tift 151. In the second ward Frank B. Carver was re-elected trustee his term having expired. In the fourth ward J. Oliver Burt succeeds C. Wellington Thatcher whose term expired. The remainder of the officers are the same as last year.

The trustees on Wednesday paid one note of \$3,000 held against the district by the National Life Insurance company.

JAMES G. COLE.

One of the Oldest of Shaftsbury's Citizens Passes Away.

James G. Cole, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Shaftsbury, died March 23d, aged 70 years and 23 days. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Cole, and was born in Arlington, his whole life being spent in that town and Shaftsbury.

Funeral services were held at his late home Thursday afternoon, March 26, Rev George A. Furness of Arlington officiating.

Mr. Cole is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Amos Johnson, Mrs. Oscar Ellwell and Mrs. Edward Brown of Shaftsbury, and two sons, Charles and Myron, both of Arlington; also three brothers, Rev Henry Cole of New York state, John Cole of Plano, Iowa, and Warren Cole of Arlington.

POWAL

Miss Frances Wright has been visiting in Williamstown.

Mrs. Alfred Service of Troy was entertained at Abner Moon's recently.

Miss Jennie Comesky of Troy was the guest of her uncle, John W. Service, recently.

Miss Florence Galusha of Bennington was in town recently the guest of relatives.

C. H. Johnson, superintendent of the Roebbling Construction Works of New York, accompanied by his wife, was town the first of the week visiting his father, N. H. Johnson, and sister, Mrs. E. L. Niles.

Miss Marion R. Kellogg is home from Northfield Seminary for the Easter vacation and Miss Winnie B. Wright is home from North Adams Normal school for the same reason.

There is a great scarcity of tenements in town at present, the supply in no way equaling the demand. Only one building is in process of erection, and the future is not bright for those who desire a house.

The M. E. church supper Tuesday evening was, as usual, well patronized. The ladies in charge were Mrs. August Dunn, Mrs. William Ashton and Mrs. George H. Dunn.

Miss May Bigart had an unusual and unpleasant experience last week. She went down stairs in the Baptist vestry, and the room being in total darkness, stepped into the cistern, which had been carelessly left uncovered. The cistern was deep and had Miss Bigart not been fortunate enough to grasp a plank as she fell, the consequences might have been awkward. As it was she managed to pull herself out without assistance, the only damage being a wet gown.

At the coming session of the Troy Conference, Rev J. W. Bennett, who has been in active service as a minister, will apply for supernumary relation because of his impaired health. Rev Mr. Bennett, who is a brother of Col E. D. Bennett of this village, was born in Middlebury. He entered the Troy Conference in 1872. His first pastorate was at Danby. Later he was at Timbuctoo, Clarendon, North Ferrisburg, Shelburne and Vergennes. He was presiding elder of the Burlington District from 1888 to 1892. He is now at Sand Lake, and Wednesday evening the church tendered him a reception as a farewell. After the conference Mr. Bennett and family will make their home in Round Lake.

LICENSES

ASKED FOR

21 Applications Made for Right to Sell Liquor.

13 OF THE FIRST CLASS

Favorite Locality Seems to be Upper End of North Street—Two Are Asked for One Place.

The time set for filing applications for license for the sale of liquors under the provisions of the new law expired Friday night, with 21 applications in the hands of the secretary. There were 22 but one was withdrawn the last evening.

There are 13 applications for first class licenses, for which the fee is \$1,000. A license of this kind permits the sale of all kinds of liquors to be drunk on the premises. The dealer is not allowed to sell any by the bottle.

The applications and locations are as follows:—Frank Sullivan, corner Mill and River streets; Dennis Cronin, River street opposite the depot; James H. Whitney, Park street, corner Spring; Henry C. Knapp, Healey store corner Park and Gage streets; J. J. Morrissey, corner River and Depot streets, Columbian house; John H. Leahy, corner River and North streets American house; E. J. Cummings, North street in Evans block; W. H. Lundeigan, North street, Brewster block; W. J. Phalen, Main street, Webster house; Louis Bergeron, 2d Main street, Webster house; Ramon and R. J. Orlis, Main street near Benton bridge; John H. Evans, North street, Evans block; James F. Leahy, corner Safford and County streets.

Second class permits selling of all kinds of liquors not to be drunk on the premises:—Turner H. Cranston, River street below American house; E. J. Morrissey, Hawks building on North street long occupied by National Express office; Frank Bronori, west side of North street in store now occupied by him; John H. Evans, North street, Evans block; Chas. F. Morse, North Bennington.

Class three permits sale of malt liquors, wines etc., fee \$250, George A. Miller, North street in restaurant now conducted by him.

Druggists license permits selling on physicians prescription only, fee \$10, W. L. Gokay and Joseph M. Ayres.

Two applications for a license for the Webster house indicate a strife over the control of the property. Most of the applicants have secured bonds in the American Fidelity company of Montpelier but several furnish individual bonds.

The public hearing on applications is set for Friday, April 17, in the rooms back of the town clerk's office.

All the applications will be found advertised in full as the law requires on the fourth page of this paper.

The Putnam house has made a provisional application for a liquor license, but the application does not appear in the printed list. John Evans has made two applications, but expects only one, which ever the commissioners see fit to grant him.

The regular meeting of Mr. Anthony chapter No. 1, O. E. S., will be held in Masonic hall Wednesday evening, April 8.

A nine months old child of Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire died Sunday. The funeral was observed Tuesday morning, the burial being at Bennington Center.

Opening Days April 6 and 7.
Grand Opening of Spring and Easter Millinery at Miss A. Nolan's millinery parlors, Opera House Block. A full and complete line of the choicest Pattern Hats and latest Paris importations. A large variety of the new Chiffon Ribbon Flowers, Feathers and Millinery Novelties, etc. All are cordially invited. Miss A. Nolan.

Easter.

Miss J. O'Donnell announces her Opening display of Spring Millinery Wednesday and Thursday, April 8 and 9, at the North street Emporium.

Spring Opening.

Opening of Spring Millinery Saturday, April 4, at Miss Crystal's, 512 Main-st.

Opening Day.

On Saturday, April 4, Miss Morgan will show trimmed Hats and Bonnets.

Spring opening at Mrs. A. G. Wood's on Saturday, April 4.

Nichols and Budd will be ready with Spring Millinery on Wednesday, April 8.

Misses Ryan and O'Connor announce their opening of Spring Millinery for Saturday, April 4.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB.

State Organization of Motor Vehicles Formed at Montpelier Last Week.

A number of the automobile owners in Vermont met at the Pavilion hotel, Montpelier, on the evening of March 26, and organized the Automobile club of Vermont, with Dr. L. Hazen of Burlington, president; W. B. Foulard, of St. Albans, 1st vice-president; C. C. Warren of Waterbury, 2nd vice-president; W. D. Woolson of Springfield, secretary and treasurer.

A recent census shows that there are 75 automobiles owned in the state at present, and a number are purchasing this spring.

The aim of the club is to promote the interest in automobilism in the state, and to use its energies in the securing of better roads, and also to bring the automobile owners in closer touch socially.

Any owner of an automobile within the state is eligible for membership, and there is a provision for associate members, to consist of any one interested in automobilism, but not owning a machine.

It is hoped that every owner will join the club. Further information can be secured by addressing E. E. Bamforth of Waterbury, Chairman of the Membership Committee, or any of the officers of the club.

UNION STREET MACADAM.

A Much Disputed Question Settled Definitely By H. M. Tuttle.

Mr. Editor:—In the late village meeting I took occasion to say that the first and the best piece of Macadam laid down in Bennington, and one that has stood the test of time, was on Union street, built by Commissioner H. M. Tuttle in 1896 with crushed hard head foundation, top dressed with lime stone, save about one hundred feet of the lower end, which was built entirely of hard head material, and partially washed away almost immediately after it was laid down.

The Hon. Wm. B. Sheldon disputed this statement and brought forward Dr. M. B. Houghton to testify as a witness to the falsity of my assertions.

One naturally dislikes, particularly in a public meeting, to be laid fairly as a deliberate liar, and so I have taken occasion to obtain testimony from the best possible source. Without comment I submit the following signed statement:—

Bennington, Vt., April 1, 1903.
J. H. Livingston,
Chairman Street Committee,
Village of Bennington.

My Dear Sir:—In answer to your personal inquiry, and to set at rest all further dispute upon the subject, I will say that while street commissioner of the village of Bennington in 1896, I laid down the Macadam on Union street.

I excavated varying depths, with a fill of about fifteen inches in front of Gokay's, and for about one hundred feet, beginning at South street, I built entirely of hard head material. Discovering at once that such material was entirely unsuited for the purpose, save as a foundation, I top dressed the remainder of Union street to Willow street with about three inches of limestone, which lime stone came from Hillside street, from Theron Plumb's and C. N. Power's lot on Grand View street. This limestone I drew to the crusher located at the Burt bridge, crushed it and returned it to Union street.

Signed, H. M. Tuttle.

I may add that Mr. Tuttle, Mr. Moore and Mr. Stewart, successively street commissioners of the village of Bennington, condemn crushed hard heads for road material in the most unmeasured terms, that the state highway commissioner, Hon. J. O. Sanford of Stamford, condemns their use, while every state in the union, including Massachusetts, which held to their use the longest, have abandoned them. I will shortly have other reliable testimony to show how futile it is to continue crushing this most useless of all metals for road building.

Sincerely,
J. H. Livingston.

ELKS ELECT OFFICERS.

Annual Meeting of the Lodge Held on Tuesday Evening.

Bennington Lodge, No. 567, B. P. O. Elks, elected the following officers Tuesday evening, and they will be installed at the regular meeting April 14, by Deputy E. J. Winslow:—

Exalted ruler, J. H. Livingston; esteemed leading knight, J. P. Mulligan; esteemed loyal knight, Dr. R. E. Greenan; esteemed lecturing knight, Joseph Watson; secretary, Wm. D. Forbes; treasurer, E. J. Winslow; Tyler, Louis Bergeron; trustee for three years, E. A. Booth.

Makes a Clean Sweep.

There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Or at the Salves you ever heard of. Bussell's Anker Salve is the best. It cures all kinds of sores, ulcers, cuts, boils, warts, skin eruptions and piles. It's only 25c and guaranteed to give satisfaction by O. E. Gibson, druggist.

HIGHWAY BUILDERS

Session of the County Road Commissioners.

TALK BY MR. SANFORD

Towns That Do Not Build Their Permanent Roads Properly Will Not Get a Share of the State Money.

The annual meeting of the highway commissioners of the various towns and villages in Bennington county, at which gathering the state commissioner is present, was held at the Putnam House Thursday last. Owing to the fact that a number from the northern towns in the county could not reach here until afternoon there was no morning session. Several of the commissioners were in the place during the morning and they made good the time by discussing among themselves various questions and ideas connected with the subject of road making.

At the afternoon session there were present J. O. Sanford, state commissioner, with the following: Arlington, M. F. Killian; Bennington, Edward Denio, Philip Jacobs; Bennington village, M. W. Stewart; Glastenbury, C. A. Becker; Manchester, Charles V. Rowe; Pownal, W. L. Campbell; Peru, John M. Stone; Readsboro, M. O. Hicks; Sandgate, A. B. Corey; Shaftsbury, Edwin Smith, Frank Boupfort; Stamford, J. B. Jepson; Woodford, F. A. Brown.

The session was almost entirely occupied by Mr. Sanford, who gave an interesting and instructive talk to those present. He brought up many facts in regard to his subject that were new. He strove to impress upon those present the fact that aid given by the state did not belong to the towns until the roads had been worked to the satisfaction of the state commissioner.

Sixty-five towns did not receive their full share of state aid last year because the work done on the roads did not meet the requirements of the law. This year he gave his hearers to understand the commissioner would insist that the work be done more thoroughly than ever before or the towns would get no money. The money this year includes also the license fees.

Mr. Sanford showed that during the last ten years an average of \$30 per mile has been expended upon the roads in Vermont. In his recommendations he stated that it cost no more to keep a good road good than is now used upon poor roads that are perpetually poor.

Mr. Sanford is not in favor of having two road commissioners in a town as he thinks better management, and not more commissioners are needed.

The meeting cannot fail of being of much benefit to those present.

BASKET BALL.

Last Game of the Season to be Played Tomorrow Night.

The game of basket ball played in Library hall last Friday evening, between the North Adams Y. M. C. A. team and the B. H. S., resulted in a victory for the visitors, the score standing 12 to 9. The game was a well played one and much enjoyed by those who witnessed it.

Two interesting games will be played in Library hall to-morrow evening, April 3,—one by the Crescent Athletic Club of Cohoes and the B. H. S., and one by the Freshman class and Juniors of the high school. The Crescents defeated the High School on their own floor by a score of 12 to 9.

These games close a season which has been a most successful one, the boys winning many well earned victories.

Tickets for to-morrow evening are on sale at Ayres' drug store.

The high school girls gave their first public game in Library hall last Saturday evening. The game, which was between the Upper and Under Classmen, resulted in a victory for the Upper Classmen, the score being 14 to 4. The lineup was as follows:

Upper Class Under Class
Faith Powers c/r Fanny Thatcher
Olive Pope c/r Mary Toomey
Bessie Watson 1/r Hildred Hart
Lucetia Edgerton 1/r Dorothy Norton
Jessie Potter 1/g Hilda Pratt

Referee, Miss Douglas; umpire, Miss Rogers; time-keeper, Miss Whitney. Baskets: Upper Classmen, Olive Pope, 2; Faith Powers, 3; Bessie Watson, 2; Under Classmen, Hildred Hart, 1; Mary Toomey, 1. Twenty minute halves.

OLDEST ACTIVE FIREMAN.

George H. Harwood Has Seen 39 Years of Fire Fighting.

George H. Harwood, whose picture appears herewith, has the distinction, as far as can be learned, of being the oldest fireman in point of years service of any fireman in Vermont.

Mr. Harwood began running with a machine in the spring of 1864, when he became a member of Protection Engine and Hose Company. His first assignment to duty was with the hose cart. He was then made pipeman, a position that he held until elected one of the assistant foremen of the company.

He was also for a time connected with the Hickory Jackson Engine and Hose Company, which was secured by private arrangements, and used for contests at various tournaments. In a



(Courtesy of Troy Budget.)
GEORGE H. HARWOOD.

number of which it took prizes. Most of those connected with this organization also belonged to some one of the other companies.

When the Stark steamer was purchased in 1871, Mr. Harwood was made its engineer and has filled the position ever since, and to the best of his recollection has been with it every time that it has been called upon for service. That means every fire of importance.

Mr. Harwood is nearly 58 years of age, 39 years of which have been in the service of the village, a longer time than a good share of the present members of the department have been living.

A DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR.

Minerva Club Give A Dance in Foresters' Hall Tuesday Evening.

The Minerva club, consisting of seven young ladies, gave a dance in Foresters' hall last Tuesday evening. The hall was beautifully decorated with ferns and garlands of ground pine. In the center of the reception room was an immense palm, while others were distributed around the room. Red shades on the chandeliers gave a singularly artistic and pleasing effect. In the hall, facing the entrance was the head of Minerva, in gilt, and above it the words "Minerva Club" also in gilt. A corner reserved by palms and ferns was reserved for the orchestra.

Mrs. George F. Graves and Mrs. Edward W. Bradford presented the dance orders to the guests as they arrived.

Thirty couples were present, and dancing began at 8:30. During the evening, leers were served by Hudson.

J. B. Mahoney, who has been visiting John Chrysal, returned to his home in Worcester Monday.

Miss Margaret Small of Alva, Scotland, has arrived here and will make her home with her aunt, Mrs. John Temple.

The bicycle season has opened, and the Bennington Bicycle company has received a full line of new supplies, and are ready for business.

At the regular meeting of the pension examining board Wednesday, 8 veterans appeared for examination. Most of them were for increase.

At the teachers examination for Bennington county conducted by county examiner Simmons at Bennington, Readsboro and Manchester last week, 36 persons took the examinations required. Twenty of them passed and of these, four received certificates of the first grade.

The first licenses to sell liquor in the state issued under the new law were at Middlebury Tuesday, March 31, the recipients being John Higgins of the Addison house, and John H. Sargent of the Logan house. Both were first class, the fee being placed at \$800. Both men are well known here, Mr. Higgins being a native of Arlington and for some time a resident of the village.

Notice.

Came into my possession on Sunday, March 15, a black and white shepherd dog. Owner can have the same by proving property and paying charges and cost of this notice. Mrs. DesLaurier, 1-7 County-st. 9w3

SWALLOWED

A NEEDLE

Two-Year-Old Daughter of Frank B. Carver.

REMOVED BY OPERATION

Needle had Found its Way Through the Walls of the Stomach and Almost to Surface of Skin.

Last week Frances, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Carver, began to complain of a pain in her side, becoming fretful and nervous.

No cause could be assigned and Dr. Putnam was called, who, after examining the child, became convinced that there was some foreign substance causing the trouble.

The child was taken to Troy where Dr. J. B. Harvie examined it with X-rays.

An operation was then performed and a needle of the average size taken from under the skin of the child. It had been swallowed, passed through the stomach and was entirely encrusted. There is no knowing how long it had been there. The child has fully recovered.

\$5,000 OF DEBT PAID.

Board of Selectmen Has Ordered New Bridge For West Part of Town.

The selectmen on Tuesday contracted with the Worcester Structural Company for a new iron bridge to span the stream near Highland Falls, in the southeast part of the town. The bridge will be 26 feet in length, of the latest design. There will be guard rails at each end, those at one approach being 20 feet long, at the other 12 feet. The structure is to cost \$400 and is to be ready for use by the last of May.

The board has also contracted for the metallic fittings for the vault in the town clerk's office, as authorized at the last town meeting. The fittings will consist of roller shelves, 76 document files, covered spaces for loose papers, metallic drawer for election papers, etc. The contract price for the fittings is \$430.

The board has also contracted for a vault truck, for use in holding index cards and books and which can be run from the vault to any desired place without removing the contents, a convenient and much needed piece of office furniture.

Tuesday the board mailed to Jose Parker and Company of Boston a check for \$5000 to pay the note due April 1, the first one in an indebtedness of \$30,000 which that firm had against the town. The next one will become due April 1, 1904.

EAST ARLINGTON

Miss Eleanor Burt of Bennington was home over Sunday.

The sugar season seems practically ended and maple syrup is a scarce commodity.

Miss Furness, who has been staying with her brother, Rev G. A. Furness, for some time, left town last week.

Mrs. John Powers and son Burton of North Adams arrived here the last week to visit Mrs. Powers' mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Shuffleton, and other relatives.

Mrs. Wm F. Smith of Brooklyn came up this week to look after affairs pertaining to "Northview," the summer home of the Smith family. Mrs. Smith returned on Tuesday.

J. J. Warner has sold his land in Chiselside, which he bought of Wm. Johnson, to A. Warner and son, G. A. Warner. Frederic Cole has sold his farm to Ira Warner. Said farm adjoins the highway between the two villages and comprises some woodland, part of which is known as "the Lawyer's Woods."

Workmen going up the turnpike Tuesday forenoon heard a clinking, clanking of chains in the stream in the gulch. Rushing toward the spot a big animal was seen in a trap, making frantic efforts to liberate itself. Not caring to tackle the ferocious beast with a club, one of the men hastened to the City a mile up for a rifle. This started out quite a crowd. Seven balls were soon put through the animal, Geo. A. Wood doing the shooting. Dr. F. W. Goodall of Bennington, who chanced to be going by, was an interested spectator. The doctor enjoyed the sport. Wood and Clarence Cutler, with horse and buggy, carried the defunct feline down to Uncle Isaac Pratt, in whose trap it was caught. 'Twas a big wild cat and weighed 33 pounds. Uncle Isaac was happy and says he'll have another, if nothing happens.

MAGNETIC HEALING.

Boston Specialists to Give Free Treatment For One Week.

The Putnam House will be the scene of many a transformation, from disease to health, the coming week. Dr. J. Fraser Baebreck and Prof. William Fletcher Hall, founders of the Great Magnetic Institute of Boston, are to be there and we predict that their time will be most fully occupied. Much is known of the wonderful power possessed by Prof. Hall,—no disease seems too hidden, complex or chronic to baff his diagnostic power. While it is true that many patients are pronounced incurable, and treatment refused,—it being one of the rules of the Institute that no case shall be booked for treatment if there is not a reasonable hope of recovery,—it is said, relief is always found in any stage of a chronic case. Our sick and suffering will have an opportunity of testing this ability during the week April 6 to April 11, inclusive. All consultations, advice and all examinations, as well as all cases pronounced curable, will be treated free this visit and all treatment for the time necessary in each individual case so booked will be Free of Charge. Their hours will be found in their adv in another column.

GREEN MOUNTAIN VALLEY. SHAFTSBURY

O. B. Pierce and wife were in Bennington Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Montgomery has been sick with a severe cold.

Edward Watson and son visited in Arlington the past week.

Edgar Green has been ill with a sore throat and unable to work.

Abel Harrington and son Clifford were in Bennington Monday.

Geo. Dunn has been confined to the house the past week by illness.

Frank Russell and wife were in Bennington on business the past week.

F. E. Rice and wife enjoyed a ride here Sunday from South Shaftsbury.

Elmas J. Harrington has moved his family to his home here, from South Shaftsbury.

Solomon Niles and wife were at Mrs. Niles' parents, Truman Waite and wife, Monday.

Nelson Mattison and wife of Bennington visited their son, Truman and family Sunday.

Bessie L. Harrington and family have moved from South Shaftsbury to his home here.

Little Wallace Earle Mattison has returned home from visiting in Bennington two weeks.

Fred Dunn and family are here from Valley Falls, stopping with his parents, Geo. Dunn and wife.

Mrs. Fred Mattison, Ruth Mattison and Miss Lina Green drove here from Bennington Centre, Sunday.

Rev L. M. Compton's many friends regret his departure from town. May success go with him and his family.

D. P. Mattison and wife and Master Paul M. Joy attended the social entertainment at Mrs. John Stephen's, Friday evening, March 27.

Fred Chandler met with quite a bad accident while working at the Eagle Square manufacturing works at South Shaftsbury Saturday morning. Two fingers on his left hand were cut off at the second joint and the third finger badly lacerated. Dr. J. B. Woodhull is attending him.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The association will hold its annual meeting in the Methodist church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. W. Knowles Cooper of Springfield, Mass., will be the speaker.

A big men's meeting will be held at the rooms Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m., when Mr. Cooper will speak on the subject, "A Safe Way." The association glee club will sing at this